

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A cook top ~~including comprising:~~ at least one heating means beneath a substantially colourless and transparent ceramic glass surface with an opaque layer on sections of the underside ~~thereof and thereof;~~ and a status indicator, ~~said status indicator comprising:~~ indication indicator including ~~indication~~ means positioned directly underneath said surface ~~and~~ proximate to said ~~surface~~ heating means wherein said opaque layer is not present directly above said indication means, allowing said indication means to be visible directly above said cook top, and ~~a control means~~ control means configured to determine the temperature of said surface above said heating means and energise said indication means when said surface above said heating means is above a predetermined temperature and de-energises said indication means when said surface above said ~~heat means~~ heating means is below said predetermined temperature.
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2. (Previously Presented) A cook top according to claim 1 wherein said control means comprises an electric circuit fed from a transformer less supply.
3. (Currently Amended) A cook top according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1 wherein the colour emitted by said indication means is dependent on whether said heating ~~region~~ means is energised.
4. (Currently Amended) A cook top according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 wherein said indication means is at least one light emitting diode.

5. (Currently Amended) A cook top according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1
wherein said control means includes heat sensing means positioned in close proximity to said
heating means, the electrical characteristics of which are temperature dependent.
6. (Previously Presented) A cook top according to claim 5 wherein said heat
sensing means is a bimetallic switch.
7. (Previously Presented) A cook top according to claim 5 wherein said heating
sensing means is a thermistor.
8. (Previously Presented) A cook top according to claim 5 wherein said heating
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sensing means is a positive temperature coefficient paste coated on the underside of said
surface or said opaque layer.
9. (Previously Presented) A cook top according to any one of claims 1 to 8
wherein said predetermined temperature is the maximum temperature for which human skin
can safely be exposed to.
10. (Currently Amended) A cook top according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 9
wherein said predetermined maximum temperature is 50°C.